

BANQUET CLEARS WAY FOR BETTER DISTRICT REGIME

Residents of Capital Consider Taft's Speech an Epochal Event.

DESIRE FOR VOTE STILL IS NOTICED

Different Views on Details Manifest, But in a Most Cordial Spirit.

Representative men of Washington proclaimed today their conviction that the most important civic event of recent years was that which took place when President Taft was the guest of the business men of the Capital.

That between the somewhat divergent views of President Taft and Justice Stafford, the only two speakers, there can be evolved some plan for the betterment of the District government; that the attitude of the Administration now being understood there will be no necessity for further laboring in the dark, and that last night's banquet will be epochal, are points upon which all, regardless of personal preferences, seem to be agreed today.

Different Views.

Inquiry develops many who agree with President Taft in his tentative plan for a single executive head, but who oppose a plan which also contemplates that there should be no suffrage for residents of the District, and that they are to have no representation in Congress. There are others who are in accord with the broader suffrage plan as outlined by Justice Stafford, while still others agree in part with both speakers. There was considerable comment this morning on the directness of the President's remarks, and even those who do not fully agree with him openly express their admiration for the manner in which he handled his subject and made known his convictions. The surprise of the banquet, perhaps, aside from lawlessness, was the fact that President Taft spoke extemporaneously. During Justice Stafford's eloquent plea for the right of suffrage for the residents of Washington, the President was seen calmly to take notes upon a small pad at his right.

Results of Banquet.

The aftermath drift of sentiment following this banquet of understanding between the business men of Washington and the nation's head, may be said to be in the following direction:

Toward a change in the District government through the substitution of a single executive head with an advisory board—all to be citizens of the District and men familiar with her needs.

Toward a modified form of suffrage, property and educational qualifications figuring largely. Unqualified suffrage, apparently has but few defenders.

Toward representation in Congress, in event the advisory board to the District head is not elected from different sections of the city and by direct vote.

Toward the theory that in some manner \$50,000 inhabitants of the Capital of the Nation, paying one-half of its expenses, should have a voice in its governmental affairs, regardless of the President's attitude that this is a national city, in which \$50,000 have an interest.

John Joy Edson.

Last night's dinner, in my opinion, will result in more good for the best interests of the National Capital than anything that has occurred in many years.

It demonstrates the great value of such a conference between those highest in authority and the citizens.

Justice Stafford rendered a great service to the District of Columbia in the views he expressed in his speech, bringing out for discussion what has been indefinitely settled in the minds of many people.

The President most forcibly and clearly.

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WEATHER REPORT.

During the next thirty-six hours the disturbance in the West and Northwest will advance over the Atlantic seaboard attended by showers and thunderstorms and followed by a decided fall in temperature.

Storm warnings are displayed on the lower lakes, Lake Huron, and the southern half of Lake Michigan, and on the Gulf coast from Brownsville to Carrabelle, and advisory messages have been sent to the Atlantic ports from Hatteras northward, stating that dangerous squalls are likely to occur tonight and Monday.

FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT. Shows (tonight and Monday): cooler Monday; increasing south, shifting to northwest winds.

| TEMPERATURES. | |
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| 8:00 a. m. | 63 |
| 9:00 a. m. | 63 |
| 10:00 a. m. | 63 |
| 11:00 a. m. | 63 |
| 12:00 Noon | 63 |
| 1:00 p. m. | 63 |

| SUN TABLE. | |
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| Sun rises | 4:32 |
| Sun sets | 7:00 |

| TIDE TABLE. | |
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| Today—High tide, 10:40 a. m. and 11:15 p. m. Low tide, 4:20 a. m. and 5:30 p. m. | |
| Tomorrow—High tide, 11:30 a. m. Low tide, 5:15 a. m. and 6:20 p. m. | |

DAVIS "INVESTORS" LOSE HALF MILLION

Police Believe Lawyer's Operations Will Reach Startling Figures.

HE AND BROTHER HAVE LITTLE TO SAY

Money Secured, Detectives Believe, All Used in "Kiting." Methods Described

"Nearly half a million dollars," is the police estimate this afternoon of the money collected from clients for investment by John C. Davis, while the District Attorney's office today jumped their estimate up from \$100,000 to "far in excess of \$500,000."

Dr. De Witt C. Chadwick, of the Burlington, is among those whom the police learned today lost thousands.

Yet police and District Attorney alike have still been unable to locate one cent of it all. No money, no real estate, no mortgages, no assets of any description have been discovered.

All the detectives now agree that a great part of Davis' collections was exhausted in "kiting," which is simply robbing Peter to pay Paul, by paying to indignant and troublesome old investors what he was collecting from trustful new investors.

Police Skeptical.

Yet the police this afternoon are not ready to believe the whole of the vast fortune went that way. They believe that much must have been lost in bad investments, when Davis actually did try investments, but this could not have been large. There is some hidden away, or there have been some wild expenditures by Davis.

Dr. De Witt C. Chadwick, of the Burlington, the police learned today, had given John Davis several thousand dollars during the last few years. The money was to be used, Dr. Chadwick understood, for building operations, but the amount is not known.

Dr. Chadwick is said to have remarked to a friend that he had given Davis "so much that he hated to think about it." The transactions with Dr. Chadwick seemed to be the only ones about which Davis boasted.

"My God, if I only had enough to pay Dr. Chadwick," he said several times while detectives were talking with him in his cell this morning.

Refuses to Talk.

Martin T. Davis was brought to headquarters from the first precinct this morning and photographed and measured. He declined to make any statement at the present time.

"Under the circumstances," he said, "it would hardly be advisable for me to say anything now. I have not even had a confidential talk with my attorney yet. It would seem ridiculous for me to talk to the newspapers before I have talked with my attorney."

"At the proper time, I will give out a statement, and everything will be explained satisfactorily. In the meantime I will have to grin and bear it."

Davis said further that if it was not Sunday he would make an effort to get out on bond. The amount of surety

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ORDER NOW FACING CRISIS OF CAREER

Convention of I. O. B. A. Opens and Financial Affairs Will Be Overhauled.

With every one of the 500 delegates wondering and facing a series of sessions during which the national officers will explain what sort of business methods permitted a deficit of \$39,526.67, since made good, the twenty-third annual convention of the Independent Order of B'nai B'rith was called to order in the Masonic Temple at 10 o'clock this morning.

Representing a membership of 132,000 men and women, with lodges throughout the United States, the delegates have come to this convention determined to make a thorough investigation, and deal with those responsible for the blot placed upon the organization by the report of the New York State superintendent of insurance after an examination of its books last January.

One faction in the order, it is said, has taken advantage of this crisis to organize and try to oust the present officers, whom they allege to be responsible for the present condition of affairs.

Displeasure Shown.

The convention was called to order with considerable difficulty by Grand Master Max Stern, of New York. Several of the delegates with whom he is not popular made known their disfavor in personal remarks while Mr. Stern was endeavoring to obtain order. After an invocation by Rabbi Egelson, Simon Wolf, of this city, welcomed the delegates on behalf of the citizens of the District, and Judge Leon Saunders, of New York, replied.

Justice Saunders is the strongest of the several opposition candidates for grand master, and was greeted with cheers and hisses when he arose to speak. Before beginning his speech, he implored the members to act fairly and squarely, and proceed in an orderly manner. He counseled patience and a fair hearing for all speakers. His advice was heeded so far as the restoration of quiet was concerned. He proceeded to thank the citizens for the cordial reception.

The report of the grand master was

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PRINCIPALS IN WHITLA KIDNAPING CASE



MRS. JAMES BOYLE.

JAMES BOYLE.

BILLY WHITLA.

WATCHMAN SAVES SURVEY BUILDING

Discovers Fire in Geological Office and Gives the Alarm.

Prompt action by The Washington Times night engineer, L. P. Locke, of 157 Tenth street, was all that saved the United States Geological Survey building from probable destruction by fire early this morning.

While making his rounds on the fifth floor of the Munsey building, the night watchman discovered what was apparently a serious fire on the fourth floor in the rear of the building opposite. He hurried to the ground and after turning in an alarm, ran to the survey building, and acquainted the two watchmen on duty there with the danger. They turned in a second alarm and reached the fourth floor at the same moment with the firemen summoned by the previous alarm.

The chemical laboratory was by this time a seething furnace. Although the firemen knew that some of the chemicals contained explosive properties they did not hesitate once in their duty, and it was not long before the blaze was under control. The chemical laboratory was destroyed.

It was said this morning that the laboratory contained many valuable chemicals and minerals, collected from various parts of the country. Three months ago a \$75,000 fire in the Geological Survey building destroyed many valuable maps and charts. Many more were injured by water last night.

FAMOUS NOVELIST DIES AT MOBILE

Mrs. Augusta Evans Wilson Ends Sixty Years' Career as a Writer.

MOBILE, Ala., May 9.—Mrs. Augusta Evans Wilson, the celebrated novelist, died at 6 o'clock this morning at her home. Mrs. Wilson was the author of "St. Elmo" and many other novels. Mrs. Wilson was seventy-four years old and a native of Columbus, Ga., and came here sixty years ago. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Evans.

GOTHAM ST. PETER'S HUNDRED YEARS OLD

Archbishop Farley Celebrates Mass in Preparation of Centenary Celebration.

NEW YORK, May 9.—A tremendous crowd gathered at historic old St. Peter's, in Mulberry street, this morning to celebrate the service commemorating its 100th anniversary, which will occur on June 9.

Archbishop Farley celebrated solemn high mass. The present rector of the cathedral, Mr. John F. Kearney, has been there forty-three years. He is also the spiritual director of the St. Patrick's Society, which is assisting in making this centennial celebration a memorable event in the history of the church, whose parishioners now number 30,000.

DEATH CALL COMES TO JUDGE PENFIELD

Noted Lawyer and Educator Dies After an Extended Illness.

Judge William L. Penfield, formerly Solicitor of the State Department, and professor of international law at Georgetown University, died this morning at his home in the Ontario apartments, Ontario road and Eighteenth street. Judge Penfield had been in poor health for some time and since March 20 had been unable to attend to business. The immediate cause of death was heart trouble, brought on by a complication of diseases.

At the bedside at 5 o'clock this morning, when Judge Penfield passed away, were members of the immediate family and Mrs. George W. Duncan, of Greenfield, Ind., his only sister, who was summoned here when there appeared to be no hope for his recovery.

Funeral Tuesday.

The funeral will take place on Tuesday at 3 o'clock from the Mt. Pleasant Congregational church, the Rev. M. Ross Fishburn officiating.

William L. Penfield was a native of Michigan, but had spent most of his life in Indiana and in this city, having come to Washington twelve years ago to accept the position of solicitor in the State Department, from which he resigned four years ago to resume his law practice.

During his career in the State Department he was

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RUSSIAN TROOPS MARCH TO TEHRAN

Revolutionary Army Is Also Advancing on the Persian Capital.

TEHRAN, May 9.—The revolutionaries continued their march from Tadjik early today on the capital and are now at the city gates.

The loyalist troops who are opposing their advance are strongly entrenched within the city. This noon the insurgents demanded an audience from the Shah, delivering an ultimatum that unless the interview was granted they would storm the city. They are well armed and have obtained a number of pieces of heavy field artillery. If the Shah's answer proves unsatisfactory it is expected that fighting will begin before nightfall.

To add to the confusion, Russian troops are marching on the capital from Tadjik, but whether they will help to oppose the revolutionaries is not known.

TAKES FIANCÉE'S POISON.

NEW YORK, May 9.—Believing that her fiancé, Frank Flynn, had drunk carbolic acid at her home, in Brooklyn, Miss Rose Latery, eighteen years old, snatched the bottle from him and drained its contents. She was taken to a hospital in a critical condition. Flynn was arrested.

NO THIRD PARTY, BOYLE NOW SAYS

Sentence Will Be Passed Tomorrow on Confessed Kidnaping and Wife.

MERCER, Pa., May 9.—Judge Williams has announced that he will pass sentence on the kidnapers of Willie Whitla tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, as it is the wish of the Mercer county authorities to remove the prisoners to the penitentiary as soon as possible to prevent an attempt to rescue them.

The sensational story that James H. Boyle and his wife would implicate a relative of the Whitla family in the kidnaping of Willie Whitla was exploded this morning by a statement made to The Times' representative.

When seen in his cell Boyle said: "I intend to implicate no third party, there is no third party, nor no second party. Mrs. Boyle had nothing to do with the kidnaping. She has been wrongfully convicted."

Boyle said that when he stated on the witness stand he wanted to tell the whole truth, he had reference to some letters, and testimony which had been given by the prosecution, and that he had no reference to a third party. Boyle said positively he had no deals whatever, with any one connected with the Whitla family, and the story that he would implicate any person else was without foundation.

When told that he, doubtless, would receive a heavy sentence he made no reply. He was in better spirits this morning than usual, and seems relieved that the trial is over.

Mrs. Boyle is in her usual cheerful mood, having recovered fully from the shock occasioned by her conviction. She would simply say she had not been given a fair trial, and she should not have been convicted as she had no connection whatever with the kidnaping.

Her brother, William McDermott, was apprehensive lest his sister should make good her threats to "send it all" by the "dutch route," and asked Sheriff Chase to watch his sister to prevent an attempt at suicide.

"She was a good girl until two years ago, when she left home on account of a misunderstanding with father," the brother said. "Since then we have known nothing about her."

Boyle's Sensational Story.

The sensational story indicated was published in the Washington papers of this morning. It set forth that Boyle "go to the goods" on some member of the Whitla family and that this man, after paying Boyle money to keep quiet, suggested the kidnaping with the idea that the two should divide the ransom. Mrs. Boyle was made to say:

"The loyalist troops who are opposing their advance are strongly entrenched within the city. This noon the insurgents demanded an audience from the Shah, delivering an ultimatum that unless the interview was granted they would storm the city. They are well armed and have obtained a number of pieces of heavy field artillery. If the Shah's answer proves unsatisfactory it is expected that fighting will begin before nightfall."

MILITIA WAR GAME IN NORTHERN OHIO

CLEVELAND, May 9.—One half of the Fifth Regiment, Ohio National Guard, is today chasing the other half through the surrounding country in sham battle.

The object is to see which makes the more orderly retreat or the more spirited pursuit. Each side is armed with a thousand rounds of blank cartridges. The regiment encamped at Kamm's Corners last night.

BEAUTIFUL GIRL'S LOVE AND CAPRICE BEHIND KIDNAPING

Mrs. Boyle's Passion for Finery and Her Devotion to Parker, Previous Associate, Woven Into Motives for Stealing Whitla Boy.

FINDS SHARON DULL AFTER WANDERINGS

Threatened Revelations Involving Mrs. Whitla's Family Searched Out, Sifted Down, and Held Unworthy of Credence.

From the very beginning, the story of the kidnaping of little "Billy" Whitla has been shrouded in mystery. The Times believed that mystery could be penetrated. It believed, further, that a sane and appreciative study of this remarkable case from its human side would have exceptional interest for its readers. With the purpose to attain both these ends, it sent Mr. Albert to the scene of the trial and over the field of the kidnaping. The following remarkable study is the result:

By ALLEN D. ALBERT, JR.

BEHIND the kidnaping of "Billy" Whitla lay two common human motives. These motives are as old as woman herself. The first is the love of a beautiful young girl for finery. The second is the love of an unreasoning young girl for an unworthy man.

In the life of the commonplace these two motives would probably work a stolid unhappiness. In the life of Helen Boyle they have roused a whole nation to an indignant and justified outburst against her, they have led to an unmerited torture for a God-fearing and loving family, a torture which only a parent can ever understand, and they have made charred wrecks of her lover's future, of the future of the man she procured to commit the crime, and of her own future. And he for whom all this was risked and undertaken was not James Boyle, whose name the woman now bears, but another and earlier lover with whom she preceded Boyle to the penitentiary.

A great deal of mystery has been made of this kidnaping case. There is mystery enough in it. The story told calmly and honestly is, indeed, as romantic and as inexplicable as the kidnapping of the novelist could ever be.

But it is the mystery of the human mind and the human heart, not the mystery of identity or event. All the characters in the tragedy are known. All of them who are important to the story only him behind the bars of the Missouri State Prison—have been traced from preface to conclusion. They have been seen by the author of this article and have talked to him.

Inquiry Yields Interesting Results.

The yield of such an inquiry into the case, made of those persons directly and the very scene of the stealing of the little boy, is this:

That Helen Boyle is one of the most magnetic women in America today. That for love of good clothes and luxury and out of her passion for Frank

Picture Drawn Of Scene in Court.

The room is the exhibition hall of a rural academy, the Mercer court house having been burned two years ago. In it are assembled all the good women of the county seat, in white shirt waists and walking skirts or in spring gowns, for the most part home made. Before the bench of the court is a long line of green-covered card tables, surrounded by correspondents accustomed to excitement and in touch throughout their professional lives with unusual personalities. The family and relatives of the kidnaped boy have the first row of seats and maintain a studied disregard of the doorway through which follows the woman "in to enter. In the windows the doorways, against the walls, stand country merchants, farmers, their wives and daughters.

Suddenly the whole throng of 300 persons murmurs. A deputy sheriff walks resolutely through the door near the improvised jury box. Behind him, moving with the easy grace of the accomplished actress, is Mrs. Boyle.

The figure is that of a woman of about twenty-three years, rather slender, and easily erect. Her scant weight, probably not more than 110 pounds, is accentuated by a long covert coat. Surrounding her rather small head is a modish hat, not in the least extreme, of black straw. The decoration consists of black tulle, with a medallion of jet and two quills also black. A veil of heavy cross bars, with black beads at the intersections, gives her face the effect of marked delicacy.

Past the newspaper men, between the district attorney's head low over a jury list—and the judge, she moves as composedly as a matron of many more years at a reception. She seats herself with her back to the court room. A little trick of posture indicates an exchange of glances with Boyle, sitting not more than three feet away, between her jailer and his lawyers. Then "the woman" turns.

Face Suggests Charlotte Corday.

It is useful, in such an account, to speak moderately, to keep well within the facts. But that would be an utterly inadequate description of this defendant which did not liken her face to that of Charlotte Corday, in the familiar portrait of the martyr behind the bars of her cell. It is distinctly more French than that of the French woman, and the hair, waving in simple lines from forehead to a loose and moderate Psyche knot, is neither the yellow of the familiar bleach nor brown, but of a distinct copper tinge. The modeling of her features is delicate beyond the belief of those who have seen only the photographs taken after her arrest—and her dissipation. Like a certain great lady of the land, hers is a charm to which the camera does faint credit.

Out of years of reporting in the courts and an ample experience in police cases, the writer has come to a theory that every woman caught in the toils reveals in her face the explanation. Helen Boyle does not belie this principle. But her face required a longer

FOREST FIRES RAGE IN PENNSYLVANIA

Former Senator Cameron's Estate Devastated and Valuable Timber Lands Are Swept.

HARRISBURG, Pa., May 9.—One of the worst forest fires that has ever been known in Cumberland county, is burning today on South mountain, near Hunters run. Hundreds of acres of valuable timber land are being ruined. The flames have devastated former Senator Cameron's estate.

The South Mountain Mining and Iron Company has all its employees at work to check the flames.

ELOPE TO BRISTOL.

BRISTOL, Tenn., May 9.—John N. Hanes, a young man employed in the office of the general passenger agent of the Norfolk and Western Railroad, and Miss Edith Teas, daughter of a prominent citizen of Bedford county, Va., eloped to Bristol this morning and were married by the Rev. C. C. Carson.

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